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SUBJECT: NORWEGIAN HUMANITARIAN AID TO VIET NAM

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1. IN VIEW OF THE PRESENT CRISIS THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT PLANS ON INCREASING ITS HUMANITARIAN AID TO VIET NAM.

2. CURRENT VIET NAM AID TOTALING 60 MILLION KRONER (NKR. 5.00 - \$1.00) IS EQUALLY DIVIDED BETWEEN NORTH VIET NAM, THE PRG, AND SOUTH VIET NAM. THE 20 MILLION KRONER TO NORTH VIETNAM HAS ALREADY BEEN COMMITTED TO SPECIFIC PROJECTS SUCH AS FISHERIES. THE 40 MILLION KRONER TO THE PRG AND SOUTH VIET NAM HAS NOT BEEN COMPLETELY ALLOTTED. ACCORDING TO LEIF VETLESEN, CHIEF OF INFORMATION OF NORAD, THE NORWEGIAN AID AGENCY, THE GOVERNMENT IS CONSIDERING USING SOME OF THIS MONEY FOR HUMANITARIAN AND REFUGEE ASSISTANCE.

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3. THE GOVERNMENT WILL TODAY PROPOSE AN ADDITIONAL 10 MILLION KRONER AID TO VIET NAM. THIS AID WILL BE DISTRIBUTED THROUGH MULTI-LATERAL ORGANIZATIONS, MAINLY THE RED CROSS AND RELATED UNITED NATIONS AGENCIES ACCORDING TO TOM VRAALSEN WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR U.N. MATTERS AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. A SMALLER PORTION WILL GO TO NORWEGIAN HUMANITARIAN ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS CHURCH GROUPS AND SAVE THE CHILDREN FEDERATION. THESE ORGANIZATIONS OPERATE BOTH IN CAMBODIA AND IN THE NVN/PRG CONTROLLED AND SAIGON CONTROLLED AREAS. THIS PROPOSAL FOR EMERGENCY HUMANITARIAN AID HAS WIDE POLITICAL SUPPORT.

4. THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS HAS DECIDED TO EXPEDITE THE ADOPTION PROCEDURES FOR ALL VIETNAMESE CHILDREN. ACCORDING TO REIDUN THOVA WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILDREN'S ASSISTANCE AT THE MINISTRY, 35 VIETNAMESE CHILDREN WILL BE IMMEDIATELY BROUGHT TO THEIR ADOPTIVE PARENTS IN NORWAY. THE RED CROSS AND CHURCH GROUPS ARE CURRENTLY CONSIDERING FURTHER EFFORTS.

5. THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT "FULLY SUPPORTS" THE U.N. SECRETARY GENERAL'S EFFORTS TO LIMIT THE SUFFERING OF INNOCENT CIVILIANS IN VIET NAME AND WILL SYMPATHETICALLY CONSIDER ANY FURTHER CALLS FOR AID FROM THE U.N.

6. THE SITUATION IS BEING FOLLOWED WITH THE GREATEST CONCERN BY THE PEOPLE AND AUTHORITIES IN NORWAY. THE GOVERNMENT HAS URGED ALL PARTIES TO "IMMEDIATELY HALT WAR ACTIVITIES AND SOLVE THE PROBLEMS THROUGH POLITICAL NEGOTIATIONS."  
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